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Alfred V. Alasia et al :
Application No. 10/655,831 : NOTICE
Filed: September 5, 2003 :
Attorney Docket No. 62770.000068 :

This is a notice regarding your request for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28. On September 1, 1998, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit held that 37 CFR 1.28(c) is the sole provision governing the time for correction of the erroneous payment of the issue fee as a small entity. See DH Technology v. Synergystex International, Inc. 154 F.3d 1333, 47 USPQ2d 1865 (Fed. Cir. Sept. 1, 1998).

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Your fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28 is hereby
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In re US Patent Application of:)

Alfred V. Alasia et al.)

Application No.: 10/655,831)

Group Art Unit: 2131

Filing Date: September 5, 2003)

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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR)
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SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.28 (c)

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Sir:

On September 5, 2003, the above-identified patent application was filed together with Check No. 299357 in the amount of \$732.00, thereby establishing small entity status. The undersigned respectfully submits that small entity status was claimed and the small entity fees were paid in good faith. It has now been discovered that the above-identified patent application should have been filed without a claim of small entity status and that large entity fees should have been submitted.

In accordance with the requirements for excuse of an incorrect status claim set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.28 (c)(1) and (c)(2), the following is an itemized list of the fees paid on September 5, 2003 and actual deficiency of fees owed:

<u>Type of Fee</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee Paid on 9/5/03</u>	<u>Actual Deficiency Owed</u>
Basic Application	\$ 375.00	\$ 395.00
Total Claim Fee	\$ 315.00	\$ 315.00
Independent Claim Fee	\$ 42.00	\$ 44.00
Total Deficiency Owed:		\$ 754.00

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1, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-3436.

It is respectfully requested that the small entity status error be excused and, through compliance with the requirements set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.28 (c)(1) and (c)(2), large entity status officially made of record. Should any questions arise concerning this submission, please contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below.

Date: January 5, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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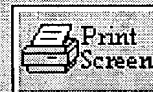
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